

KERA GOALS

The Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) was implemented in 1990 in response to the state's directive that all students receive an equal and sufficient education. KERA outlines six goals that help educators meet that end. At the beginning of each unit in this curriculum, there is a chart that shows which KERA goals that particular unit addresses. Even though these goals were created specifically for Kentucky teachers and their lesson plans, they can be helpful for teachers nationwide.

The Goals of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA)

1. Students are able to use basic communication and mathematics skills for purposes and situations they will encounter throughout their lives.
2. Students shall develop their abilities to apply core concepts and principles from mathematics, the sciences, the arts, the humanities, social studies, practical living studies, and vocational studies to what they will encounter throughout their lives.
3. Students shall develop their abilities to become self-sufficient individuals.
4. Students shall develop their abilities to become responsible members of a family, work group, or community, including demonstrating effectiveness in community service.
5. Students shall develop their abilities to think and solve problems in school situations and in a variety of situations they will encounter in life.
6. Students shall develop their abilities to connect and integrate experiences and new knowledge from all subject matter fields with what they have previously learned and build on past learning experiences to acquire new information through various media.